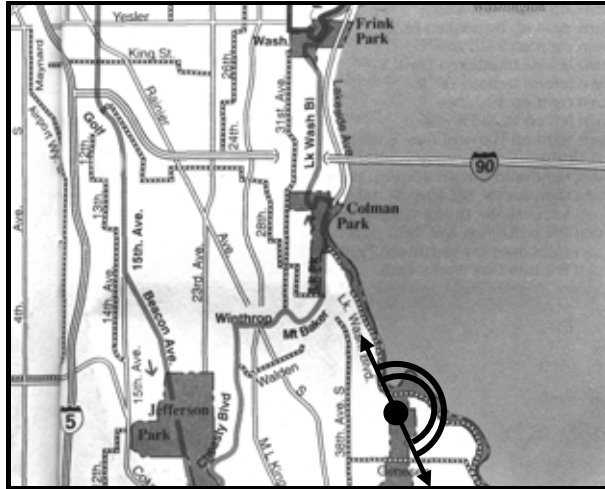


## **Mt Claire Park (in Mt Baker)**

Mt Claire Ave and Park Drive



### **LOCATION AND VIEWPOINT CATEGORY**

The park is located on a residential street in the Mt. Baker neighborhood and has panoramic views of Lake Washington and the Cascade mountains. Use of the park is limited, and 85% of intended views are unobstructed. Private property is adjacent to the north and south of the viewpoint site.

### **SUMMARY OF EXISTING CONDITIONS**

The hillside has recently been cleared. Himalayan blackberries inhabit the steep 75% slope. The crest shows signs of erosion and instability. Maintenance access exists both above and below the slope.

### **MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS**

#### **A. MAINTENANCE FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS**

##### Category 3 – Slope Stability and Erosion Control

Procedures:

1. Invasive weed removal at the crest of the slope
2. Erosion control matting may be necessary
3. Plant low hedges along Transition Zone 2
4. Mulch at crest of slope and new plantings
5. Irrigate to establish new plants

#### **B. GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRACTICES**

Five year maintenance cycle will require:

- physical and/or chemical removal of weeds
- Coppicing management of Big Leaf Maples
- Managing exposed soil with additional planting, erosion control matting and mulching
- Control of adjacent vegetation
- Removal of dead, declining and diseased trees
- Pruning for form, shape and to prohibit view obstruction using ANSI 300 standards

View management locations:  
Zone 2 - Transition area at the crest of the slope  
Zone 3 - Hillside

## **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

### Priority 3

The majority of intended views exist. Since the park has low use, emphasis will be on defining the transition edge with shrubs and maintaining the step hillside vegetation.

### Phasing

- Phase 1 - Remove invasives at top of slope
- Phase 2 - Cover slopes with erosion control mat where needed  
Plant Zone 2 transition hedge at top of slope  
Irrigate new plantings

### Labor Sources (UF- Urban Forestry Staff, PM – Park Maintenance Staff)

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Contractor, UF, and/or volunteers: | -physical removal of weeds   |
| UF staff:                          | -remove shrubs   |
| Contractor or UF staff:            | -apply erosion control mats,   |
| Contractor, UF and/or volunteers:  | -planting and mulching   |
| Park Maintenance staff:            | -prune shrubs and small trees,<br>control adjacent vegetation,<br>plant hedges in Zone 2 |

## Mt Claire Park



North to I90 floating  
bridge and Mt Baker

Crest of slope, transition  
zone



Overgrown vegetation from  
toe of slope





#### LEGEND

### Mount Claire Viewpoint (at Mt. Baker)

#### LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Zone 1 - Developed Park Landscape
- Zone 2 - Transition
- Zone 3 - Hillside
- Park Boundary
- Parcel Boundary

1:600

25 0 25 50 Feet



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